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Int'l Appln. No.:	PCT/CH02/00706	I.A. Filing Date:	December 17, 2002
For:	INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT COMPRISING JOINT PARTS THAT ARE MOUNTED TO FORM A UNIVERSAL JOINT	Attorney Docket:	8932-1181-999 (new) (formerly LUS-16099)

New York, New York 10017
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**REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371
IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**

Sir:

In reply to the Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371

mailed November 25, 2005, applicants hereby submit the following:

1. A copy of the November 25, 2005 Notification Of Missing Requirements

Under 35 U.S.C. § 371;

2. A copy of a partially-executed Declaration, all inventors except one having

signed;

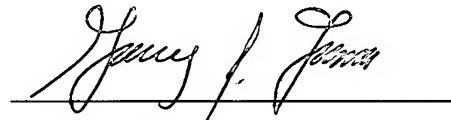
3. A Petition For Filing By Other Than All Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), a First Statement Of Facts with attached Exhibits A and B, and a Second Statement Of Facts with attached Exhibits 1-5; and
4. A Second Preliminary Amendment.

Please change the Attorney Docket No. for this application from "LUS-16099" to -- 8932-1181-999 --.

A Petition For Revival Of An International Application is being filed concurrently herewith and, pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c)(II)(A), a "petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and a fee for such an extension of time are not required to be included with the [R]epley" To Notification Of Missing Requirements.

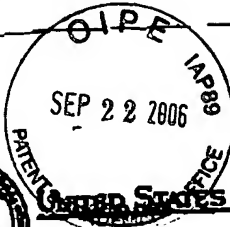
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/10/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/10/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/10/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 06/10/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/10/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/28/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/10/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 06/10/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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